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AIR AND ROAD TRANSPORTATION EXPANDS

CIVIL AVIATION GOES ON SUMMER SCHEDULE -- Pravda, No 91, 1 Apr 49

Civil aviation will start operating on its summer schedule on 5 April 1949. This year it is planned to shorten flight time considerably. Night flights for passengers, mail, and freight will be made extensively between Moscow and cities in Siberia and the Far East. The distance between Moscow and Vladivostok will be covered in 4 1/2 hours instead of the 70 hours required in winter.

Regular connection by air express will be restored between Moscow and Krasnoyarsk. Express planes, stopping only at Svetlovsk, will operate between Moscow and Novosibirsk. The new schedule provides for daily trips in fast, comfortable IL-12 planes between Moscow and Irkutsk.

The number of trips will be considerably increased on all lines, particularly on those which connect Moscow and Leningrad with cities in Siberia, the Urals, Central Asia, and the Ukraine. Three planes will make daily round-trip flights from Moscow to Leningrad, Kiev, and Kharkov.

This year direct connection will be established between Crimea resorts, the Caucasus, the Baltic, and the capitals of the Ukraine, Belorussian SSR, and the republics of Central Asia, as well as with the great industrial centers, Leningrad, Sverdlovsk, Chelyabinsk, Novosibirsk, Karaganda, Kuybyshev, and others.

KAZAKE AIR SERVICE EXPANDS -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 36, 22 Feb 49

Airlines of Kazakh SSR have expanded 67 percent since 1940. There is now regular air service between the Republic and Moscow, Tashkent, Frunze, Novosibirsk, Omsk, Sverdlovsk, and other points. The service also connects the oblast centers of the Republic. However, the Kazakh Administration of Civil Air Fleet does not always make full use of existing facilities, and several airports are poorly constructed.

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KHABAROVSK AIR FLEET SHIPS PACKAGES -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 47, 26 Feb 49

The Khabarovsk Air Fleet Agency publicly announces that it is opening mail service for immediate shipment of packages from airports to all Far Eastern points and also to western cities. Packages must weigh no less than eight kilograms [SIC], must be packed in plywood boxes, cased in durable sacks, and tied with unknotted cord. Fast delivery is guaranteed. Rates for package shipment correspond to baggage rates. Details can be obtained at the Khabarovsk Airport, or in the agency at 92 Street imeni Dzerzhinskiy (Ministry of Internal Affairs Club Building); telephone 20-71.

ESTONIAN BUS LINES EXPAND -- Pravda, No 81, 22 Mar 49

The total length of city and intercity bus lines in Estonia has increased to 5,000 kilometers.

BELOMORSK AUTOBUS LINES INCREASE -- Leninskoye Znamya, No 35, 20 Feb 49

Autobuses run on three routes in Belomorsk, Karelo-Finnish SSR. The workers' settlement associated with the sawmill, the station, and nearby villages have bus connection with the center of the city. Buses also operate along the Sumposad-Kolezhma-Vorenzha route. More than 1,000 persons are transported by bus daily.

KIRGIZ MOTOR TRANSPORT IMPORTANT -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 27, 11 Feb 49

Motor vehicles are used extensively for transporting industrial and agricultural products in Kirgiz SSR. In 1948, 37 percent more freight was transported by motor vehicles than by railroad, and the number of cars had increased 144 percent over 1945.

The 1948 freight plan was only 81.8 percent fulfilled and the fleet of trucks was exploited only 28.9 percent instead of the planned 46.3 percent.

The Taldyk Motor-Repair Plant, the main one in the Republic, fulfilled the plan for capital repairs only 67 percent and the quality of the repair work was poor. The tire shop fulfilled the 1948 plan only 75.7 percent.

Otkrimenko is Minister of Automobile Transport Kirgiz SSR.

KIRGIZ ROAD BUILDING INCREASES -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 27, 11 Feb 49

Increase in automobile transport has led to increased road construction in the Kirgiz SSR. During the period from 1940 to 1948, the road system increased 2,776 kilometers. There are 8,950 kilometers of road under the Main Road Administration but only 3,040 kilometers or 34 percent are suitable for year-round motor travel. A considerable number of the roads are in need of capital repair and reconstruction.

Ushakov is chief of the Main Road Administration.

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ALMA-ATA NEEDS GAS STATION -- Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, No 57, 22 Mar 49

There is at present in Alma-Ata only one gas station, which can dispense 8,000 liters daily and a reservoir holding only 70 tons of gasoline. Another gasoline station is needed to relieve the congestion caused by delay and to service more effectively the light automobiles of offices, enterprises, and individuals. It is believed that the Transport Development Bureau of Alma-Ata has the 75,000 rubles needed for the construction of another station.

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